Power Generation in the Country

338. DR. ABRAR AHMED KHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1611 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the total requirement of power in Megawatts, in the country at present and the quantum of power being generated by various power stations, separately; and

(b) what is the total power generating capacity of these stations and the reasons for under utilisation of their generating capacity?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The total requirement of power in the country, during 1989-90 was 40240 MW (Net). A statement indicating the total generating capacity in the country as on 29-4-90 and the total energy generated during April, 1990 by various power Stations are enclosed (*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 23).

The following are generally responsible for under utilisation of the generating capacity in some of the power stations:

1. Backing down because of low system demands.

2. Inherent equipment constraints.

3. Inferior Quality of coal.

4. Non-availability of full requirement of coal.

5. System load condition.

6. Aging of the units.

7. Adverse hydro/thermal mix ratio.

Unintended Benefits on Potassium Penicillin G/V

339. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain companies have been allowed the import of Potassium Penicillin G/V at the instance of his Ministry without lifting indigenous production from 1984-85 itself;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such companies have got benefits worth crores in the process;

(d) if so, whether his Ministry has worked out unintended benefits made by these companies;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons, therefor;

(f) whether his Ministry is taking any steps to recover such uninteded amounts;

(g) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(h) whether his Ministry have taken any steps to identify the persons involved, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.